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SUBJECT: KUZNETSOV CRITICAL OF GENEVA DECLARATION
AND OVERALL CYPRUS SITUATION

REF: GENEVA 5018

1. AT THE END OF MY AUGUST 5 CALL ON FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER KUZNETSOV ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, KUZNETSOV--WHO IS
RUNNING THE MFA IN GROMYKO'S ABSENCE--MADE SOME BRIEF NEGATIVE
COMMENTS REGARDING THE CYPRUS SITUATION.

2. ON MY REQUEST FOR A CURRENT SOVIET READING OF THE
SITUATION KUZNETSOV SAID THAT THINGS WERE NOT GOING VERY
WELL FROM THE SOVIET POINT OF VIEW. HE WAS CRITICAL OF THE
GENEVA DECLARATION. HE SAID THAT SOME PROVISIONS OF IT WERE
CONTRARY TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 353, THAT IT COULD
LEAD TO A DIVISION OF THE ISLAND, AND THAT IT CONTAINED NOTHING
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ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS.

3. KUZNETSOV LAID GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE RIGHT OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. VIOLATIONS OF THEIR WILL AND SOLUTIONS IMPOSED ON THEM BY FORCE WILL NOT LEAD TO NORMALIZATION. THE U.S. AND THE USSR SHOULD DO THEIR BEST TO LIQUIDATE ANY CONFLICT REGARDING CYPRUS. THE ISLAND SHOULD NOT BE DIVIDED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO NATO POWERS AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE A NATO BASE.

4. KUZNETSOV EXPRESSED INTEREST, AS HAD AMBASSADOR MININ (REFTEL), IN ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM'S PLANS WITH REGARD TO THE AUGUST 8 RE-OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA.

5. COMMENT. KUZNETSOV'S VIEWS ON THE GENEVA DECLARATION PARALLEL THOSE EXPRESSED BY UN AMBASSADOR MALIK AND REITERATED IN PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW AUGUST 4. IT IS INTERESTING, HOWEVER, THAT KUZNETSOV URGED A JOINT U.S.- SOVIET EFFORT REGARDING CYPRUS, AS MININ HAD. AN AUGUST 6 PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON THE RECENT US-SOVIET SUMMIT MAKES THE SAME POINT IN A DIFFERENT WAY. IT CITES EXAMPLES OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL TROUBLE-SPOTS, THEN REFERS TO SOVIET EFFORTS WITH CYPRUS AND STATES THAT THE U.S. SHOULD ACT IN THE SAME WAY IN VIEW OF THE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE SETTING THE JOINT GOAL OF REMOVING AND PREVENTING CONFLICTS. THUS, IT WOULD SEEM THE SOVIETS ARE BEGINNING TO PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON JOINT SOVIET-U.S. ACTIVITY IN THE CYPRUS CONTEXT.
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